

REMARKS

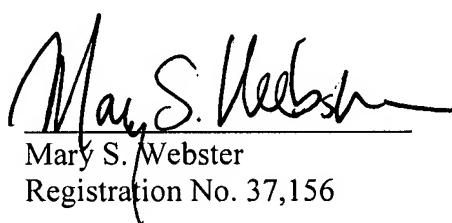
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 56, 61-69, 82-84, 86, and 102-105 for examination in this application. Claims 57-60, 70-81, 85, and 87-101 are withdrawn.

The Examiner further requires that Applicants elect one species of the generic invention. In this regard, Applicants elect "B. A specific storage temperature and duration as stated in claims 61-69, 82-84, 86 and 102-105." Please note, however, that the claims indicated in species "C." as "a specific percentage of viral infectivity reduction as stated in claims 65-67, 82 and 86" also relate to the specific storage temperature and duration. Hence, Applicants urge that this species be examined in conjunction with species "B". Indeed, the Examiner included claims 65-67, 82 and 86 in both "B" and "C."

In view of the above elections and remarks, examination on the merits of all of the pending claims is believed to be in order and consideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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